

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended ) A coloration agent for use in ceramic articles comprising a metal powder separated from a shot waste ~~and~~  
  
~~wherein using metal oxide powder contained in the metal powder~~ contains a metal oxide powder as a basic raw material.
2. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The coloration agent according to Claim 1, wherein the shot waste is produced as a by-product of shot blasting an iron-based metal.
3. (Currently Amended) A color developing clay for ceramic articles comprising a clay raw material admixed with 1 to 5 wt% of the coloration agent according to Claim 1 or 2.
4. (New) The coloration agent for use in ceramic articles of claim 1, wherein the shot waste is an iron based metal.
5. (New) The coloration agent for use in ceramic articles of claim 1, wherein the shot waste is a copper based metal.

6. (New) The coloration agent for use in ceramic articles of claim 1, wherein the shot waste is an aluminium based metal.
7. (New) The coloration agent for use in ceramic articles of claim 4, wherein the metal powder is comprised of 70 to 80 wt% of total iron.
8. (New) The coloration agent for use in ceramic articles of claim 7, wherein the metal powder is comprised of 60 to 65 wt% of ferric oxide powder.
9. (New) The coloration agent of claim 1, wherein the coloration agent is mixed with at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of copper oxide, manganese oxide, chromium oxide, cobalt oxide and vanadium oxide.
10. (New) A method of making a coloration agent for use in ceramic articles, comprising:  
obtaining a shot waste of a metal; and  
separating the shot waste into a metal powder and a shot,  
wherein the metal powder from the shot waste contains a metal oxide powder.
11. (New) A method of manufacturing a color developing clay for use in ceramic articles comprising:  
separating a metal powder from a shot waste;

adding a feldspar and a porcelain stone to a Kaolinite to form a mixture;  
milling the mixture with water;  
adding to the mixture 1 to 5 wt % of a coloration agent for use in ceramic articles and  
drying said mixture,  
wherein the coloration agent for use in ceramic articles comprises the metal powder  
separated from the shot waste and the metal powder contains a metal oxide powder.

12. (New) The color developing clay for ceramic articles of claim 3, wherein the clay raw material is a Kaolinite.